

Appl. No. 09/741,636
Amdt. Dated April 1, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 19, 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 1, lines 7-11 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is ~~related to a~~
continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/689,367
filed on October 12, 2000, entitled "Method of Selecting
Initialization Parameters for Multi-channel Data
Communication with Forward Error Correction," by inventors
Vlad Mitlin, Tim Murphy and Richard G.C. Williams, ~~(Attorney~~
~~Doc. No. 3Com 3329-1)~~ which is incorporated herein by
reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 7, lines 9-13 with the following amended paragraph:

The modem 28 at the remote terminal 30 includes
the same components as the modem 26 at the central office
24, and also includes an external interface ~~50-49~~ to connect
to a computer system. The external interface ~~50-49~~ may be a
PCI, internet, or USB interface. In an alternate
embodiment, the modem 38 is internal to the computer system.